

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 10,13,15-20 & 25-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9,11,12,14 & 21-24 have been canceled. Claims 29 & 30 have been added.

Drawings

Fig.9 has been amended to add an arrow line directing from decoder 903 to joining method decoder 902. In Fig.19 (d) has been changed to (f). Fig.34 Encoder 3404 has been changed to Image encoder 3404. Fig. 35 Data synthesizer for **audio** recording sector 3502 has been changed to Data synthesizer for **image** recording sector 3502.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein (Reg. No. 29,271) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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